# Funding Hurricane Isabel and Other Budget Adjustments

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#### Introduction

- Several events have occurred since VDOT's FY 2004 budget was approved in June 2003
- Hurricane Isabel hit Virginia in September causing extensive damage to a large portion of the state
- Immediate maintenance needs to the water and mountain tunnels were also identified
- Decided to adjust the FY 2004 snow budget to better prepare for the possibility of severe snow or other major emergencies



#### **Hurricane Isabel**

- The direct costs associated with the cleanup and repair is estimated at \$70 million, revised down from the initial estimate of \$100 million
- The new estimate is based on individual estimates for more than 800 disaster projects



#### **Tunnel Maintenance**

- The flooding of the Midtown Tunnel uncovered significant maintenance needs on all tunnels statewide – water and mountain tunnels
- This immediate tunnel maintenance is estimated at \$5 million to address immediate safety issues
  - Fire suppression systems
  - Flood gate operability



#### **Snow Budget**

- Recommend adding \$22 million to the snow budget
  - Budget contingency for emergencies which typically fills any funding gap has been depleted
  - Summer flooding and slides depleted the \$16 million account



#### Recommended Funding Approach

- The \$97 million in funding for these unplanned items are recommended to come from three sources:
  - Additional state and federal revenues
  - Debt service savings
  - Reductions and deferrals of VDOT operations



#### **Additional Revenues**

- \$15.5 million in unforecasted revenue collected from the receipt of the Fourth Quarter FY 2003 Accelerated Sales Tax
- Anticipate \$15 million in revenue collections from FHWA and FEMA during FY 2004 related to Hurricane Isabel



#### **Debt Service Savings**

 \$11.9 million from the delay of a planned fall 2003 FRAN sale to later in the year



## Other VDOT Reductions and Deferrals

- The remaining \$54.6 million of needed funding is from other VDOT reductions and deferrals
- Three options were analyzed which vary the magnitude of reductions and deferrals in these areas
  - Maintenance
  - Administrative and Agency-wide Activities
  - Construction

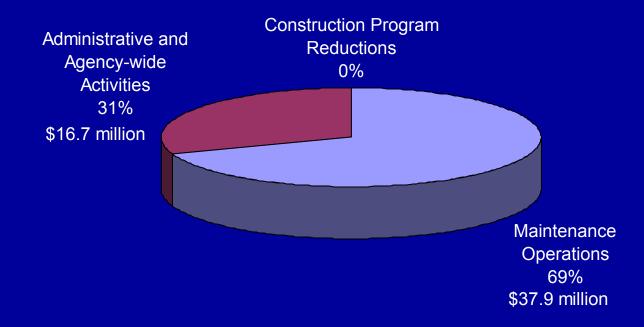


#### **Options Considered**

	Option I	Option II	Option III
Maintenance Operations	\$37,900,000	\$27,800,000	\$ 6,900,000
Administrative and Agency-			
wide Activities	16,700,000	16,700,000	16,700,000
Construction Program			
Reductions	-	10,100,000	31,000,000
Totals	\$54,600,000	\$54,600,000	\$54,600,000



## Virginia Department of Transportation Recommended VDOT Reductions and Deferrals Total = \$54.6 million Option I



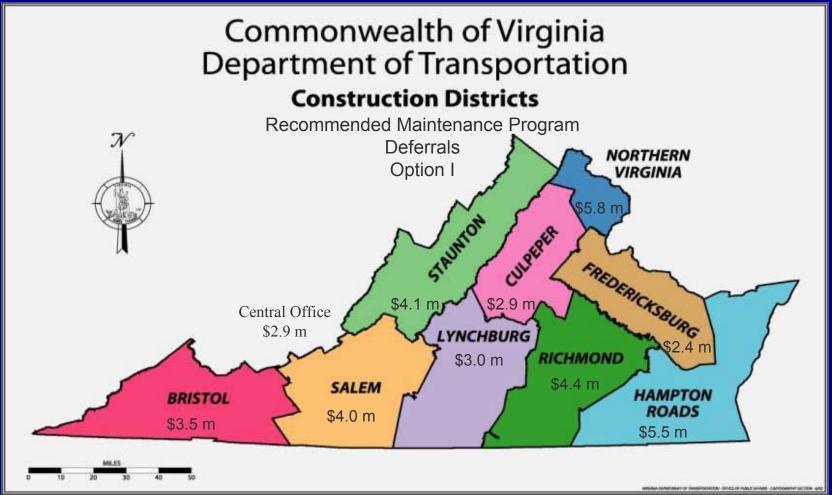


- Maintenance Spending Adjustments -\$37.9 million
  - Nearly 40% from deferral of equipment purchases such as pickup trucks, dump trucks, graders
  - Deferral of roadside improvements such as guardrail upgrades and slope repairs comprise nearly 20%



 Remainder from delay of routine maintenance activities such as landscaping, litter pickup, mowing and other contract work reductions







- Administrative and Agency-wide Activities-\$16.7 million
  - Majority achieved from personnel
    - Strictly limit/freeze hiring to 95% of MEL, maintaining minimum of 550 vacant positions agency-wide across programs, saving \$6.7 million
    - Strictly limit usage of contract and wage employees to save \$6.0 million



 Balance realized by delaying physical plant repairs, capital outlay construction and selected technology upgrades

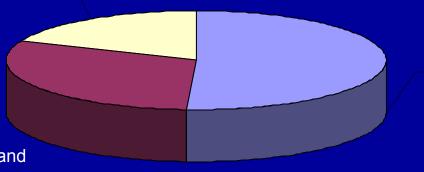


## Virginia Department of Transportation Recommended Program Reductions and Deferrals Total = \$54.6 million Option II

Construction Program
Reductions

18%

\$10.1 million



Maintenance Operations 51%

\$27.8 million

Administrative and Agency-wide Activities 31%

\$16.7 million



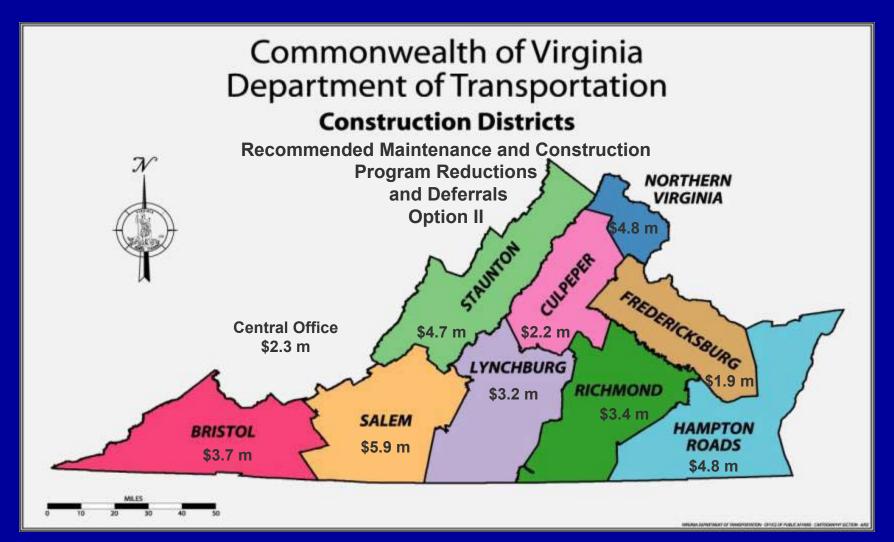
#### **Option II**

- Similar Maintenance spending adjustments as option I, with minimal deferral of equipment purchases
- Same reductions in Administrative and Agency-wide activities as in option I



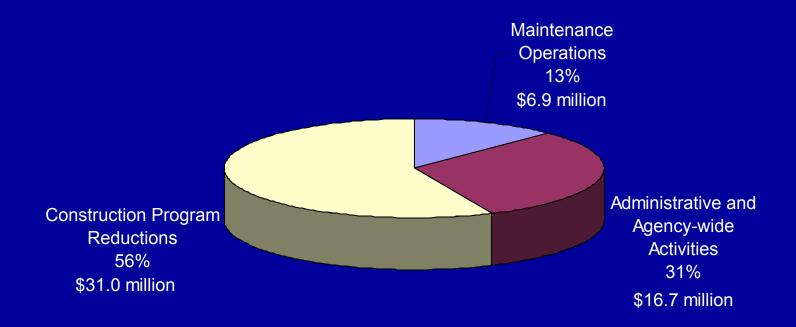
- Construction program \$10.1 million
  - Reduce by delaying advertisement and right of way acquisition for some state-funded projects for remainder of fiscal year
  - Would delay \$40 million of work
  - Mainly secondary and urban projects
  - -Over 60% along I-81 corridor







## Virginia Department of Transportation Recommended Program Reductions and Deferrals Total = \$54.6 million Option III





#### **Option III**

- Minimal reductions to the Maintenance program – \$6.9 million, mainly from deferral of contract work
- Same reductions in Administrative and Agency-wide activities as in option I and II

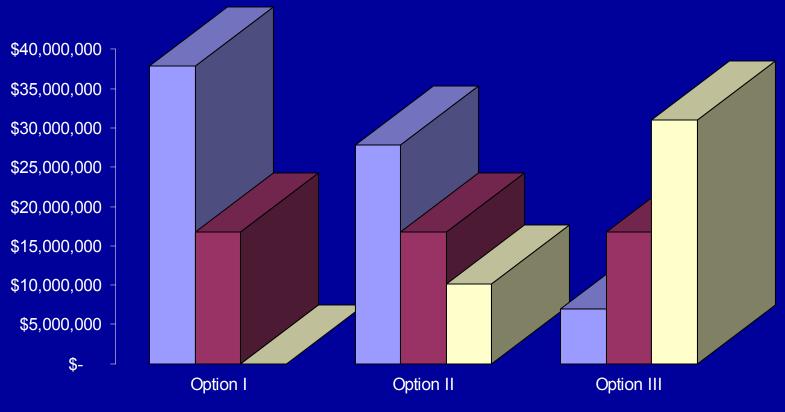


#### **Option III Reductions**

- Construction reductions include:
  - \$10.1 million identified in option II from delaying \$40 million of work
  - An additional \$20.9 million in fiscal year
     2004 cash savings by a combination of
    - Imposing some mandatory shutdowns
    - Canceling some active projects
    - Delaying right of way acquisition causing delays to the construction schedule



#### **Options Considered**



■ Maintenance Operations ■ Administrative and Agency-wide Activities ■ Construction Program Reductions



#### **Recommended Option**

- Option I is recommended as the best method to address the funding needs
  - Does not compromise public safety
  - Upholds commitment to pavement maintenance
  - Limits service level reductions to deferral of routine maintenance activities such as guardrail upgrades, slope repairs, landscaping, litter pickup and mowing



### Recommended Option continued

 Does not impact the budget or schedule of the construction program

 Results of option increases the Maintenance budget \$54.2 million, from \$879.0 million to \$933.2 million



## Other Recommended FY 2004 Budget Adjustments

- Because of the opportunity Hurricane Isabel provided in revising the budget, several other routine budget adjustments are being recommended
  - Chapter 314 of the 2003 Virginia Acts of Assembly transfers the oversize and overweight permit issuance program from VDOT to DMV
  - Provide to DMV \$1.0 million to support the legal presence implementation and \$500,000 for upgrades of the automated testing system terminals



## Other Recommended FY 2004 Budget Adjustments continued

#### - IT Transfers

- The consolidation efforts of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency will require the transfer of approximately 200 information technology operations positions from VDOT
- Transfer scheduled for January 2004
- In preparation for the transfer, removed the related personnel budgets from the operational programs and consolidated into the computer services program - \$4.2 million



#### **Tentative Revised Budget**

 The following is a summary of the revenue changes to the FY 2004 budget approved in June 2003

		Tentative	Increase
	<b>Original 2003-04</b>	<b>Revised 2003-04</b>	(Decrease)
HMOF Revenues	\$ 1,384,626,943	\$ 1,382,855,198	\$ (1,771,745)
TTF Revenues	1,203,204,112	1,221,748,312	18,544,200
Federal Revenues	1,068,755,511	1,083,755,511	15,000,000
Total Revenues	\$ 3,656,586,566	\$ 3,688,359,021	\$ 31,772,455



### Tentative Revised Budget continued

 The following is a summary of the allocation changes to the FY 2004 budget approved in June 2003

		Tentative	Increase
	Original 2003-04	Revised 2003-04	(Decrease)
<b>VDOT Programs</b>	\$ 3,305,183,570	\$ 3,336,266,825	\$ 31,083,255
Other Modes Support to Other	228,667,071	228,667,071	-
State Agencies	122,735,925	123,425,125	689,200
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